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Bloody day in Baghdad, dozens killed in car bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — A U.S. Army general says recent deadly bombings against coalition and Iraqi police forces in the Iraqi capital are the first that can be tied with certainty to so-called foreign fighters.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling said Monday's attacks don't fit with those attributed to loyalists of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's regime. He said "intelligence" and the "mode of operations" indicated the work of foreign fighters but denied to elaborate on the intelligence.

"We have not seen any attacks that we could directly attribute to foreign fighters (in the past)," Hertling said. "We have seen those today."

Four suicide car bombings rocked Baghdad Monday, killing an estimated 30 people, including two American soldiers, and wounding more than 200 others, U.S.-led coalition and Iraqi hospital officials said.

The bombings targeted the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross in central Baghdad and three Iraqi police stations.

U.S. and coalition officials have attributed nearly all attacks against them to former Saddam loyalists, not foreign fighters such as al Qaeda members or militants from surrounding nations.

Yet Samir Sumaidy of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing



Council said foreign fighters, whom he described as "terrorists," were flocking to Iraq.

"Iraq is now a target ... is a rallying place for members of al Qaeda worldwide," he said.

Twins awarded Silver Stars

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Oct. 22, 2003) —

Following a Silver Star and Purple Heart award ceremony last week for Capt. Dave Hibner at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, he and his identical twin Capt. Dan Hibner wear the Army's 4th highest medal.

The awards recognize the twins' actions during the 3rd Infantry Division's assault on Baghdad.

The brothers have been together for most of their careers. They both attended Kemper Military Academy ROTC. Following their graduation and reserve commissioning in 1993, they attended Purdue University and both served with the 423rd Infantry Regiment U.S. Army Reserves where they earned their Expert Infantry Badges. Upon Graduation from Purdue in 1996 they entered active duty.

Their initial active-duty assignments parted them, but they linked up at the Captain's Career Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Their assignment following the career course sent them both to Fort Stewart, Ga. where Dave would command Company D, 10th Engineer Battalion, and Dan would command Company A, 11th Engineer

Battalion.

When 3rd ID conducted the final attack on Baghdad, the 1st Brigade combat team attacked from the west along Highway 8 from Baghdad International Airport and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team attacked from the south along Highway 8.

Dan's Task Force, 3-69 Armor, led the 1st Brigade from the west and 1-64, lead from the south. As the attack began in the early morning hours of April 7 the brothers' units found themselves lead elements for the division attack into Baghdad by breaching the obstacles on the only avenues of approach.

Dave's Delta Company "provided the combat power of a fourth maneuver force. He displayed tremendous valor during the battle of Rams, Najaf, Karbala, and Baghdad," said Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, commander, Task Force 1-64 Armor. "Though wounded in the final hours of fighting to seize Baghdad, he never left his unit."

Dan Hibner received his Silver Star in June for combat actions leading to the assault on Baghdad. He is currently assigned at the New Orleans district office of the Corps of Engineers.

“Scary Movie 3” debuts at #1 in Box Office

LOS ANGELES — The “Scary Movie” franchise has risen from the grave, with part three of the horror-spoof series opening as the top weekend flick with \$49.7 million, the best October debut ever.

“Scary Movie 3” bumped the previous weekend’s No. 1 movie, “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” to second place with \$14.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Premiering in third place with \$14 million was the feel-good drama “Radio,” starring Cuba Gooding Jr. in the real-life

story of a mentally disabled man befriended by a high school football coach (Ed Harris).

The overall box office soared, with the top 12 movies taking in \$121.1 million, up 39 percent from the same weekend last year.

“Scary Movie 3” was a lesson in resurrecting a declining franchise. Created by the Wayans brothers, “Scary Movie” was a surprise hit in summer 2000, with a total gross of \$157 million. Their “Scary Movie 2” the following spring smacked of a rush job and did less than half the business of its predecessor.

1. “Scary Movie 3,” \$49.7 million
2. “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” \$14.7 million
3. “Radio,” \$14 million
4. “Runaway Jury,” \$8.4 million
5. “Mystic River,” \$7.6 million
6. “The School of Rock,” \$6.5 million
7. “Kill Bill - Vol. 1,” \$6 million
8. “Good Boy!,” \$4.85 million
9. “Intolerable Cruelty,” \$3.6 million
10. “Under the Tuscan Sun,” \$2.2 million

Claifornia fires continue

President Bush on Monday declared four Southern California counties major disaster areas after the state’s deadliest blazes in more than a decade charred more than 300,000 acres. Weather forecasts call for more hot and dry winds that could fan the flames — some reaching 100 feet. The fires have killed 14 people, burned hundreds of structures and forced tens of thousands from their homes.



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NCAA BCS Poll

1. Oklahoma
2. Miami(Fla.)
3. Florida State
4. USC
5. Georgia
6. Ohio State
7. LSU
8. Washington St.
9. Nebraska
10. Michigan State
11. Iowa
12. TCU
13. Michigan
14. Oklahoma State
15. Tennessee

Dolphins shock Chargers

With their home stadium being used as an evacuation center and the nearby hills in flames, the Chargers moved their long-awaited Monday night game 365 miles to the east — and fell flat in a 26-10 loss to the Dolphins.

Brian Griese, in his first start for Miami, completed 20 of 29 passes for 192 yards and three touchdowns. He completed his first six passes and was 13-of-14 for 145 yards and three scores as Miami (5-2) built a 24-3 halftime lead.

Admission was free, and the place was rocking and rowdy. There was no official crowd count, but all 73,014 tickets were distributed.

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